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CAMP FUNSTON.—An entire city is being built for the accommodation, amusement and benefit of the boys of the Eighty-ninth Division, stationed at Funston, known as the "Zone of Camp Activities and Amusements." Hundreds of thousands of dollars are being expended, and when the last building is finished and doing business on January 1, something will have been accomplished here that never before has been done in the history of America.

The zone will be filled with all kinds of amusement places, restaurants, stores, shops, banks, and everything else that goes to make up a business section of a big city, a city of forty thousand inhabitants, where every citizen is a man of voting age. Here the men can gather during the evenings and on Saturdays and Sundays, and during their off periods, and amuse themselves, do their shopping, visit, or just kill time. An average of 12 1/2 per cent of the gross receipts of the zone will be divided among the various mess funds.

Lieutenant Foster in Charge.

The war department granted permission September 28 to build the zone, and Capt. Harry Howland, assistant chief of staff, was placed in charge. The active management of the zone was turned over to Lieut. Dick B. Foster, a former Kansas City architect, who drew the plans and is superintending the construction of the buildings and the light, water and power plant being built in connection with the zone. Harry Buckley, former manager of four theaters in St. Louis and now a private in the Eighty-ninth, has been made chief of the department of theaters. Sergt. V. F. Wilson, former vice president of the Inter-State Trust and Savings Company of Denver and a former director of several corporations before he was drafted for service in the national army, has charge of the finance department. Both men have been recommended for commissions since coming to camp.

The buildings are arranged in four blocks, constructed on the exposition type of architecture, with a mission fronting. A boulevard will pass in front of the zone, and 40-foot streets will divide the blocks. The east end will be occupied by the public library, the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, the Knights of Columbus auditorium, the civic theatre and a swimming pool. All the business buildings will be grouped on the west end of the zone. Two bank buildings, each to cost approximately \$20,000, are being erected. One, known as the Army Bank of Camp Funston, is a branch of the National Reserve Bank of Kansas City. The other, the Bank of Funston, is a branch of the Central National Bank at Junction City. The second floor of both buildings will be equipped as living quarters for the employees. Both buildings will be completed within a week. At present the banks are housed in temporary structures.

Theaters Being Built. Three theaters are going up, a vaudeville theater, a theater to play only stock and movie theater. Each building will have a main floor and

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Sketches From Life

By Temple



From the Front

A GRETNA GREEN

Savannah Is the Modern Native Place for Those Who Would "Hill the Shells."

There are many towns throughout the country that became famous as places to which loving couples could flee and be joined in the holy bonds of wedlock. Aberdeen, Ohio, was noted in this respect for many years an old justice there having adopted the plan of marrying them "without leave or license." The place is just across the Ohio river from Maysville, Kentucky, and it was there that members of some of the wealthiest and most "aristocratic" families of Kentucky were married. In some instances, too, the "Lord Ullin" act was pulled off, for many an irate father followed the fleeing couples and in some instances they were overhauled.

It seems strange that the old justice of the peace did not require a license, as the laws of Ohio, prescribed such document as a necessary adjunct, but he disregarded the fact and "got by with it." In many instances the young couples were required to be remarried upon their arrival home, but the legislature of the state passed a law early in the history of the Gretna Green, legalizing such marriages. We believe that the town is still a kind of city of refuge for couples who flee from parental restraint in matters matrimonial, but the justice who established the record of hundreds of marriages each year has long since been dead.

It is, however, of Savannah as a "Gretna Green" that this article is designed to speak. Hundreds of couples come here every year to be married. They go to St. Joseph and there take the interurban for this place. There is none of the "without leave or license" idea carried out here. They procure the necessary license before an official would consent to perform the ceremony and they have to establish the fact that they are of proper age before they can get the necessary license. In some instances the consent of the parents come where the bride-to-be is under age, and many come here from St. Joseph, to marry, all evidently regarding the trip as having a tinge of romance connected with it. It is also suspected that the trip is made to surprise friends and possibly to avoid rice and old shoe showers, etc. At all events, Savannah is a popular marriage center, so to speak, and the industry seems to be on the increase.—Savannah Democrat.

Be thankful to the fuel administration that it has not asked us to be content with the same temperature in our houses that we find in the street cars.

"OVER THE TOP" FOR ANDREW

Andrew county is already "over the top" in the Y. M. C. A. drive, even though \$1,000 was added to the original amount assigned to the county. This amount was \$5,000 and was increased to \$6,000. This naturally made an extension of time necessary and then the amount subscribed rolled up more than \$6,000, and it could have been made \$10,000 had it been necessary.

Andrew county can be depended on to "do its bit" in most every good cause. The people here are progressive and patriotic and in each drive some regular "wheel horses" to use an expressive if not so very elegant term, have come to the front and carried things through to success.—Savannah Democrat.

Mr. J. C. Hanson was in town Monday last. He reports that he and Mrs. Hanson made a visit to Captain John Shouse, near Kearney, Sunday last. Mr. Shouse is an uncle of Mrs. Hanson and this was the first time she had met him for many years, although they have lived so close to each other. Mr. Shouse is 92 years old and as spry and alert as a man half that age. He was raised with the James boys and can tell some interesting stories about those famous characters. He is also one of the very few surviving veterans of the Mexican war, and to show what kind of metal he is made of, this story is told: Colonel Doniphan detailed Mr. Shouse to take care of a team of horses, but soon noticed the team was loose. Finding Shouse he proceeded to scold him, when John Shouse replied, "To hell with the horses; I came down here to fight Mexicans." Needless to say, another man was secured to care for the team. Mr. Shouse was also a captain in the Confederate army during the Civil war.—Platte County Landmark.

The good roads idea seems to be taking a deeper hold on Andrew county every day. The time is coming when this will be one of the banner counties in the state for good roads, as it already is in most every other respect. The new state highway already assured will be an object lesson that the balance of the county will proceed to profit by. Good roads mean time saving in getting products to market, a saving in horse power and horse strength and health as well as making such jobs a pleasure rather than a very irksome task.

Six negroes were killed in a game of craps in an Arkansas town last week, the seventh one escaping and the eleventh of course was unseated. This seems to indicate that there is still luck in the "seven come seven" talisman.



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